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It was this Day confirmed, that General *Dean*, and Gen: *Monk* having united their Fleet with Vice-admiral *Pen*, are gone with a brave forewind out of the *Downs*, which no doubt will much startle and alarm the *Dutch* when their Scouts shal inform them that they have seen above 100 of our Men of War at Sea, they before flattering themselves with a belief that we were so destitute of Eastland accommodations, that it was impossible for us to put forth a Fleet of above half that number: I told you in my last we shall shortly see what they will do. I had an intent in this place to give you some of the Names of those chosen for the present Government, but they being not yet published by that Honorable Authority which did chuse them, I thought it both manners and safe discretion to attend their leisures who take all the care, and make all the speed that may be to give therein satisfaction to the Nation.

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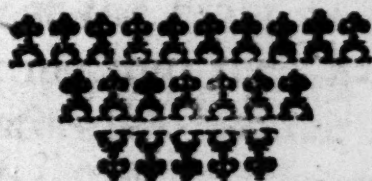
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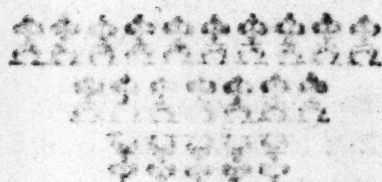
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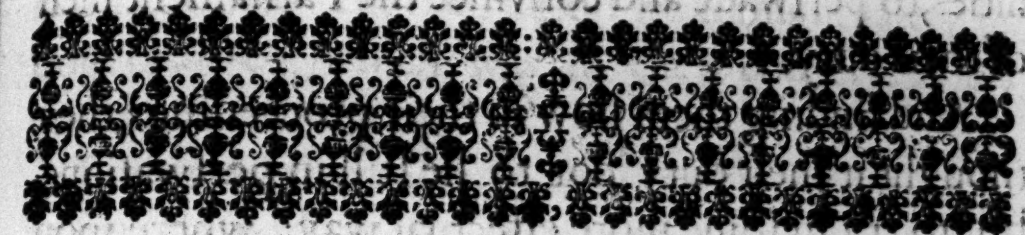


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After the Lord had wonderfully own'd the Army at the Fight at Worcester, by delivering into their hands and utterly dissipating the publike Enemies of this Common-wealth; God set a strong resolution up, on the hearts of the Officers of the Army, to seek after the effecting of good things in all lawfull wayes; but alwayes being tender of doing any thing against Authority: And many of them made it their work, to be laying hold on all opportunities,

nitie, to perswade and convince the Parliament men of their duty.

And finding them slow in their proceedings, they thought it their duty not to lie still in perswasions, but to try in some more effectual way; whereupon in August last, there was a Petition from them presented to the Parliament, for which they had thanks and some word of encouragement, That they would vigorously go on to effect those good things they desired; and the Parliament then committed over the consideration of them to several Committees, some of themselves, and some others: At which, they seeing the Officers a little satisfied, they began so to clash in their Counsel, that there was little agreement; they then reigned in their old dull spirit, and thought, as may be supposed, (and no without grounds) to endeavour the breaking of the army, knowing them to be the only Bug-bear in their way.

These things might be instanced in many particulars but especially in the last, in offering to reduce the army to so many less in number, as came to one, and thirty thousand pounds per menssem. The Officers being willing to condescend what might be, did after Worcestre fight, reduce the army to seven hundred in a foot Regiment; and the horse to sixty

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in a Troop, to save the Nation what might safely be from charge, which was all they conceived they could do with safety.

But the Officers seeing them rather active in exposing the nations peace to danger by this; they thought they were bound vigorously to prosecute those good things that was by them, in the behalf of the good people of the nation desired; & the Officers set several dayes apart to seek the Lord, at which time it was set upon their hearts, that there was a duty incumbent upon them, and they appointed a Committee to consider of some particular things (as doth appear by the Letter sent out by them) yet still held up their Counsels and consultations, what was fit for them to do, making it their daily work, to quicken and incite the best in the House to do themselves what was desired; or might conduce to the good of the Nation, rather then the Army should have any hand in the businesse.

And the Officers of the army made it their sole desires to have a new Parliament, and lay aside all other considerations, clearly perceiving an impossibility for the honest men of the house, to carry on the good things that were so much longed for: then the House seeing that the Officers would not be satisfied without some answer of their desires, set about

bout the Bill for a new Parliament, and went on with that; but (as clearly appeared) not so much to answer their desires, as to effect their own ends in the thing, by passing several things in that Act of dangerous consequence.

The Officers beholding, That the Bill would not answer the thing desired, and being altogether unwilling (if possible, to prevent it) to use any other way then entreaties: They used means to procure several meetings with divers of the House, which they effected accordingly; and when they met, the Officers freely laid open their hearts and thoughts to them, desiring the like from the Members, which was promised: But after a full and naked discovering of their thoughts and hearts to the Parliament men, their Reply to the Officers was, That they were not free to discourse there; but when they were in the House, they had their

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their Negatives and Affirmatives.

The Officers seeing themselves thus dealt withal, held on their consultations, and came to some considerations what was fit for them to do; and as often as opportunity offered, pressed the best of the House to do those good things desired, and prevent further mischief, telling them what they feared else would follow; yet all would not avail, but they went on in their old way.

This being clearly perceived, and that they went on vigorously with the Act, and some that had been averse to it, now pressing it, the Officers they thought it either time now to stir, or never; whereupon they made another Application to the best of the Parliament men, who (with much intreaty) gave some of them a meeting the night before; but for all that, divers of the chief of them were strong the next morning in prosecution to pass the Act, for a

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new Parliament to be called in November next: And if themselves having passed it, had that day then adjourned, as probably they would have done (had they not been dissolved) and by that means their Design frustrated, the whole Nation would have been in a sad condition, and involved in a Labyrinth of new troubles; which through Gods goodness, by this way of dissolving them, before it passed, is prevented.

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VVorcester-shire Petition
to the PARLIAMENT
FOR THE
MINISTRY of ENGLAND
DEFENDED,

By a Minister of Christ in that County;

In Answer to XVI QUERIES,
Printed in a BOOK, called,
*A Brief Discovery of the threefold Estate
of ANTICHRIST:*

Whereunto is added,

XVII. COUNTER-QUERIES,
AND AN
HUMBLE MONITION
To Parliament, People, and Ministers.



May 3.

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